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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on March 16, 2009 and July 18, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated March 10, 2009 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-300604, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2002-118552 A;
- (2) JP 2001-230774 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract thereof, and which is a patent family member of US 6836481; and
- (3) JP 10-336176 A.

The relevance of these documents, ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants note that above-noted documents (1) and (3) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 18, 2006, and thus, copies of documents (1) and (3) are not provided herewith.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted JP 2001-230774 A, including the noted English language Abstract, is attached hereto, and all of the documents, with the exception of documents (1) and (3), are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicants enclose herewith an authorized credit card payment (PTO-2038 Form) for the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Applicants furthermore certify that each new item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted documents (2)) was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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